

Pharmacy Undergraduate Society 2405 Wesbrook Mall Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6T 1Z3

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# PhUS Council Minutes July 10, 2021 6:00 PM

#### Attendance:

President	Jeremy Bulatao	Р	1 <sup>st</sup> Year Rep	1_	
VP Internal	Marcus Wong	P	1 <sup>st</sup> Year GC	-	
VP External	Grace Li	A	1st Year GC	-	
VP Academic	Lilyan Jia	R	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Rep	-	
AVP Academic	Grace Song	Р	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year GC	-	
VP Finance	Chris Xi	Р	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year GC	-	
VP Social	Felisha Teja	Α	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Rep	-	
AVP Social	Radha Gupta	Р	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year GC	-	
VP Communications	Marcus Lo	Р	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year GC	-	
Secretary	Kruti Shukla	Р	4 <sup>th</sup> Year Rep	John Lee	R
Senator	Kanika Khosla	R	4 <sup>th</sup> Year Rep	Parsa Shahbazi-Amin	R
Sports Reps	Owen Li	R	2022 Grad Reps (4 <sup>th</sup> Year)	Celine Jeon	R
	Sunny Singh	Р		Ayah Kapani	R
Sponsorship Coordinator	Aamir Ladak	R	Faculty	Sandra Jarvis-Selinger	R
2023 Grad Rep (3 <sup>rd</sup> Year)	Maddison Gahagan	Р	Faculty	Kerry Wilbur	R
Faculty	Jennifer Chatterton	R	Faculty	Marion Pearson	R
Faculty	Emma Riek	R	Faculty	Ginette Vallee	R

P (present) | A (absent) | R (regrets) | L (late)

Guests: Maria Ahmed (PY3), Arooj Hayat (PY3), Valeria Carvalho (PY3)

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

## **Approval of Minutes**

Moved: Marcus Wong; Seconded: Chris Xi

## **Standing Business:**

1. New Club Application: Pharmacy Pediatrics Club

Applicants: Maria Ahmed, Arooj Hayat, Valeria Carvalho, Kruti Shukla

**Brief Description:** The Pediatric Club will create a space for pharmacy students to connect and socialize over a shared interest in pediatric care, as well as promoting evidence-based therapeutics in pediatrics and advocate for improved pediatric patient care.

**Resources from PhUS:** 1) Funding for "Lunch and Learns" that host speakers on a variety of pediatric topics, and for supplies when we host workshops in schools and pop-up stands in pharmacies targeted at children/teens and parents, respectively. We also intend to host a (hopefully annual) Pediatric Care





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symposium, preferably in collaboration with other health professions' students - so we may need funding for this initiative as well (food, booking spaces, printing materials, gift cards for speakers) 2) Booking rooms in Pharmacy building 3) Funding for prizes on games nights

**Club Initiatives:** 

Our planned initiatives fall under 3 categories: Social, Education, & Advocacy

Social: Networking seminars and Trivia games nights

<u>Education:</u> Journal clubs (critical appraisal of a relevant RCT study, 1 per semester); 1 interprofessional pediatric care seminar per year; "Lunch & Learns" and skill-building workshops, including topics like: How to interact effectively with children, Pain assessment in children, How to engage collaboratively with parents of sick children, Navigating appropriate Pediatric References, Counselling a child with asthma about inhaler use, Antibiotics for ear infection; navigating this conversation with parents (antimicrobial stewardship), Lice and Scabies treatment counselling, Chronic pediatric conditions, and monitoring in the community pharmacy setting (ex. Cystic fibrosis)

<u>Advocacy</u>: workshops for high school students on various health topics; and community engagement pop-up booths at pharmacies for parents re: advice on cough meds, OTC recommendations, non-pharm remedies for common ailments, and preschooler parent support

- Dr. Roxane Carr has agreed to be the faculty advisor for the club
  - Supporting the club and providing her insights
- Why be a part of PhUS?
  - To create a space for PharmD students to connect with one another over shared interests
  - Collaborate with other PhUS clubs and engage more students within the student body
- Skill building workshops
  - Will be run by professionals in the field (eg: Dr. Carr)
- **2. Travel and Conference Fund Application:** Opioid Agonist Treatment Compliance and Management Program for Pharmacy (OAT CAMPP)

**Applicant:** Madison Lai

Reimbursement requested: \$131.25

**Rationale:** This is a mandatory program for all registrants of the College of Pharmacists of BC to complete prior to September 30, 2021 in order to be employed in pharmacies that dispense opioid agonist treatment (OAT). This program is essential to develop my future pharmacy career, as OAT is widely distributed in pharmacies today. I will gain essential knowledge in dispensing OAT and help lead an effort to destigmatize patients with opioid use disorder.

**3. Travel and Conference Fund Application:** Opioid Agonist Treatment Compliance and Management Program for Pharmacy (OAT CAMPP)

**Applicant:** Angela Peng

Reimbursement requested: \$131.25

**Rationale:** Opioid Agonist Treatment Compliance and Management for Pharmacy (OAT CAMPP) is an accredited course that focus on the needs of community pharmacists and technicians in delivering care to patients with opioid use disorder. The course covers opioid use disorder, the different types of





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pharmacological treatments, and College, Federal, and PharmaCare requirements for dispensing and providing opioid agonist treatment (OAT).

I believe this course will aid in my professional development as a future pharmacist, and allow me to serve my patients better in the future. I currently work at a community pharmacy that service a large proportion of patients who are on OAT. By participating in this course, I wish to better understand the roles and responsibilities of community pharmacists with regard to dispensing OAT, and to learn regulatory and PharmaCare requirements when dispensing and submitting claims for OAT. Furthermore, I hope to learn a patient-centred approach when communicating with those with substance addictions, and to help reduce stigma and increase patient engagement when it comes to OAT.

4. Travel and Conference Fund Application: Opioid Agonist Treatment Compliance and Management Program for Pharmacy (OAT CAMPP)

**Applicant:** Celine Jeon

Reimbursement requested: \$131.25

Rationale: OAT CAMPP is a requirement for all registrants who are employed in a pharmacy dispensing OAT (Opioid Agonist Treatment). This program focuses on the needs of pharmacists to deliver the best care to patients with opioid use disorders, focusing on various types of pharmacological treatments and how to properly dispense OAT to patients.

OAT should be a shared responsibility among the patient, prescriber and pharmacist and after attending that OAT workshop, I personally feel that the workshop benefitted me in a way that I am now more prepared to dispense OAT. The workshop emphasized the roles and responsibilities that come as a pharmacist with regard to dispensing OAT. I learned that as a pharmacist, I can engage patients in comprehensive and continuing care by increasing public education and acknowledging stigma and discrimination for patients with opioid use disorder.

3 applicants applied for reimbursement for participating in the OAT CAMPP offered by BCPhA (Madison Lai, Angela Peng, Celine Jeon)

- PhUS president partial reimbursement for all students who have applied
  - TCF application is designed for attending student organized events
  - OAT is required for all pharmacist to be able to dispense opioids
  - They can use the professional services fee
  - Would like to give them the money, but would like all of the students to have equal opportunity for reimbursement
  - Extending the professional development is part of the Pharmacy student curriculum
- VP Internal allocated \$3000 for TCF
  - Jeremy: Use half of the money for applicants who apply from now till December and the remaining half for students who apply in January
  - Chris: It should be offered equally for all students
    - Will we be offering this each year?
      - No. This is only offered for this year as there is no PDW
  - Marcus W: Wants to ensure we are able to fund all types of conferences
    - This should be included in TCF as it is available for the students





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- VP Communications Will students who attended a conference in May/June be reimbursed?
  - Jeremy: Theoretically, yes. Everyone should be reimbursed.

PhUS will wait until the next PhUS meeting to determine the number of students applying before reimbursing all of the applicants.

- Wait until we have more information
- Will come back to this matter for the next PhUS meeting

Motioned: Be it resolved that the Pharmacy Undergraduate Society approves the Pharmacy Pediatrics Club application

Moved: Marcus Wong Seconded: Chrix Xi Approved: 9; Objections: 0; Abstained: 0

## **Discussions:**

#### 1. President

- a. Inclusion of a minimum wage requirement in job posting in pharmacy hub
  - i. Good idea to have a minimum wage set up by PhUS run pages however, there is a possibility of missing all of the opportunities
    - 1. Might be better for new students to gain exposure
    - 2. Would like to include the pharmacy assistant job in the postings to help the current students gain exposure
    - 3. Suggestion: minimum wage for pharmacy assistants: \$16.00
  - ii. PhUS VP internal the people addressing the topics were certified pharmacists not pharmacy students
    - 1. For new pharmacy students the pay is secondary to the experience
    - 2. As long as the pay is mentioned on the page, it should not be a concern
  - iii. Arooj clarify whether Pharmacy Hub is only for current pharmacy students or also for the alumni as well → difficult to determine minimum wages across BC as there is variation in minimum wages amongst different regions
    - 1. Connect with Simroop Ladhar to determine what the updates are in terms of the wages
    - 2. Jeremy to contact Simroop for the next PhUS meeting
  - iv. Val Pharmacist wages have been decreasing with time  $\rightarrow$  there should be a minimum wage requirement limit set to compensate for all of the student fees paid for by the students
    - 1. There should be a value set otherwise the minimum will continue to decrease with time





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- v. PhUS VP Finance new students will be willing to take on lower wages if it is convenient for them
  - 1. Our vision for the page was for pharmacy students and so the pharmacy assistant job postings should allowed on the page
  - 2. Students should be aware of the minimum wages available for the pharmacy assistant position before they decide to apply for the position
- 2. VP Internal

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- 3. VP External
- 4. VP Academic
- 5. VP Finance
- 6. Sponsorship Coordinator
  - a. Will be scheduling a meeting with Shoppers next week to discuss the welcome back BBQ
- 7. VP Social
- 8. VP Communications
- 9. Secretary
  - a. GPA planning
    - i. Visited the PhUS lounge to determine prizes and event related materials
    - ii. Updated the PhUS website with GPA 2021 information
    - iii. Finalized the route for GPA (planning for in-person)
    - iv. Sent out the registration information on July 10
    - v. Sponsorship contribution \$6000 this year (new record)
      - 1. Contacted 250 companies via email
    - vi. Finalized goodie bag items → will order t-shirts and goodie bag items later in July
- 10. Senator
- 11. Sports Reps
- 12. Grad Rep 2023
- 13. 4th Year Reps
- 14. Grad Reps 2022
- 15. 1st Year Rep
- 16. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Rep
- 17. 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Rep



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## **Round Table:**

Faculty	-
President	-
Secretary	-
<b>VP External</b>	-
VP Internal	-
VP Academic	-
VP Social	-
VP Sponsorship	-
VP Finance	- Will discuss the budget during the next PhUS meeting
Communications	-
Senate	-
Sports Reps	-
Grad Rep 2022	-
Grad Rep 2023	- Posted the application for the 2nd grad rep $ ightarrow$ no applicants still :( (Please contact
	your friends!) → will extend the application
1 <sup>st</sup> Year Rep	-
2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Rep	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Rep	
4 <sup>th</sup> Year Rep	-

Meeting Adjourned: 7:03 PM

Moved: Chris Xi; Seconded: Jeremy Bulatao

Be it resolved that the PhUS council adjourns the meeting.